

GORSLINE AT HALL MURDER SCENE HEARD SHOTS, WOMAN CRY, SAY COPS

Confession Wrung From Vestryman In All-Night Quiz

Complete solution of the Hall-Mills murder mystery appears today to be only a few hours removed.

That was the emphatic statement from investigators working under the direction of Special Prosecutor Alexander Simpson, following a night of great activity and startling developments.

Ralph V. Gorsline, vestryman in the church of which the Rev. Edward W. Hall was pastor at the time he was shot and killed with Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, his clandestine sweetheart, on the Phillips farm outside New Brunswick, admitted that the story he had clung to for four years since the crime was false.

Likewise Miss Catherine Rastall, a choir singer at the church and companion of Gorsline on that fatal night, made a similar confession.

In DeRussey's Lane

"Gorsline has admitted that he and Miss Rastall were in De Russey's lane at the time of the murders, that he heard several shots, a woman scream and voices mumbling," declared Inspector John J. Underwood today, after an all-night examination of the two people now regarded as highly important witnesses.

Since discovery of the bodies in 1922, Gorsline has maintained that on the night of the murder he met Miss Rastall at the New Brunswick Y. M. C. A., drove her home in his green automobile, and then returned to his own abode.

This narrative, it now develops, was woven to protect the young woman from unfavorable publicity.

Backs "Pig Woman"

The willing of the vestryman and his companion is regarded as giving corroboration to the story of Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman," who told of having seen a green automobile in the lane the night of the murders.

Examination of Gorsline has been under way intermittently since Wednesday, but it was not until early today that he changed his original account.

"I left home and went to the Y. M. C. A. at about 7 o'clock that night," Gorsline finally admitted, according to Inspector Underwood. "I stayed there until 10 o'clock and then left with the intention of going home. On the way, I met Miss Catherine Rastall as she was coming from out of the State Theater. I offered to drive her home and she got in my car."

Wall of Woman

"We drove to Landing Avenue, then to College Avenue, and then we turned into De Russey's Lane. I heard a shot and then a pause, and then three more shots. Between the first and second shots we heard a woman scream. After the second shot it seemed to be a wall, which continued into a moan, and then it seemed to die out."

The vestryman said the shots appeared to come from the Phillips farm, and that immediately thereafter he drove away, arriving home about 10.30 o'clock.

"Did you see a car in De Russey's lane?"

"As we drove in a car was coming out. I didn't recognize the occupants of the car and I couldn't tell the make of the car."

Parked in Crossroad

Pressed for more details, Gorsline is reported to have stated that he and Miss Rastall reached De

Hall Mystery Near Solution



RALPH V. GORSLINE, vestryman, after an all-night quiz confessed that he was on the Phillips farm on the night of the Hall-Mills murder, and heard four shots—the shots which, police believe, made Mrs. Frances Hall (above) a widow.

Woman Uses Fists On Alleged Thief; Cops Halt Retreat

After a free-for-all battle with a woman whose apartment, police say, he attempted to rob, William Allen, alias Adams, alias Stickel, 19, no address, is full of regrets and bruises today.

Although Jack Dempsey gets so many thousand dollars a round, William had only 11 cents and a pair of garters when police searched him at the Ralph Avenue station, Brooklyn.

William is said to have invaded the apartment of Mrs. John Wilson at 815 Hancock St., Brooklyn.

"This is indeed a surprise," said Mrs. Wilson, as she swung into action. William used agile footwork and made for the street.

Her screams sent Patrolman Walter Budd after him, firing six shots. Patrolman John Sauer fired one more.

Allen halted. Burglary is the charge he faces at Gates Avenue Court.

Held on Charge Of Kicking Wife Now in Hospital

Frank Madonia, 25, of 51 East Houston St., must stop kicking his wife around, according to the police.

He faces arraignment today in Gates Avenue Court, Brooklyn, and the wife, Guistina, who, he says, was "going out too much," is in serious condition at Greenpoint Hospital.

A charge of felonious assault is made against him by Patrolman Bernard Broden of the Wilson Avenue station, who asserts that after a short chase last night he made the arrest.

GERMAN SWIMS BALTIC; TRAINS ON BEER, CIGARS

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 10 (By U. P.).—Otto Kemmerich, a German, swam across the Baltic Sea, a distance of fifteen and a half miles, today in eleven hours, winning the 1,000 kroner prize posted by a Danish newspaper.

Kemmerich, who trains on beer and cigars, recently failed in an attempt to swim the English Channel.

Thieves Roll Safe Nine Miles, Get \$1,300 and Escape

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 10.—Burglars broke into the quarters of the Phenix Cheese Corporation of New York at 2031 Boardwalk here, rolled out a heavy safe containing \$1,300, and took it to Cardiff, nine miles away, where they smashed it open and escaped with the contents.

John Anderson of Cardiff found the safe near his garage today. Small change was scattered on the ground.

SMALLEST R. C. CHURCH DEDICATED ON SUNDAY

Cardinal Hayes, on Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, will dedicate the smallest Roman Catholic church in the archdiocese of New York.

This is the Church of the Holy Crucifix, at 378 Broome St., between Mulberry and Mott Streets. It seats only 260.

The Rev. J. E. Pasquarelli is pastor.

Before the mass there will be a procession from the present church, which is in a store in Broome Street.

Clearing House (Official figures)

Exchanges	\$864,000,000
Balances	102,000,000
Credit balance	83,000,000

Cop Saves Man Pursued By Mob as Girl's Attacker

William Evans, 42, of 354 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, accused of a fiendish attack on a 5-year-old girl, today can thank Patrolman James McDonough of the Poplar Street station for his life.

BULLETIN

Richard Merton, head of the German concern which is alleged to have got its property back from the United States alien property custodian through bribery, today testified before Judge Julian Mack in Federal Court that he had given the late John T. King a check for \$50,000 on the Chase National Bank.

He said that on July 23 or 24, 1921, he had made an agreement with King whereby the latter was to receive 5 per cent. of the value of the property if he returned it before August 15, 1921, 2½ per cent. if he returned it by September 15, 1921, and a straight \$50,000 if he returned it after the latter day.

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Woman Is Dying After Suicide Leap From Fifth Floor

Narrowly missing several pedestrians, Anna McKay, 29, of 69 Amsterdam Ave., today hurtled five stories from the roof of her home to the sidewalk.

The woman was taken to Knickerbocker Hospital where it was said she would die. She suffered a fractured skull and severe internal injuries.

Her mother and brother said that she was despondent because she had been in ill health and was unable to work.

Call Vets' Hospital 'Torture Chamber'

HEALDSBURG, CAL., Sept. 10 (By U. P.).—Charges that the World War Veterans' Hospital at Palo Alto had become a "torture chamber," and that the institution is "more like a penitentiary than a ward for disabled veterans," will be investigated immediately, Dr. John T. Slavich, state commander of the American Legion, said here today.

The charges were contained in four sworn affidavits read before an American Legion post.

It was not worth the proverbial two cents last night as he fled from a basement at 153 Navy St., frightened by the screams of the girl, with a few score residents at his heels.

It was even less in value as he led the pack of avengers through Navy Street and Myrtle Avenue to Lafayette Street, where he almost collided with McDonough, who fired three shots to halt him.

Holds Crowd at Bay

He cowered behind the patrolman and begged for mercy as McDonough kept the crowd at bay until a patrol wagon arrived.

He was to be arraigned today in Adams Street Court on serious charges.

The name of the child is known to The GRAPHIC, but, out of consideration for her and her parents, it is omitted.

Germans Cheered At League Entry

GENEVA, Sept. 10 (By U. P.).—Germany assumed a place beside the powers of the world composing the League of Nations here today.

Foreign Minister Gustav Stresemann, in his maiden speech before the league, holding its seventh annual convention here, declared that Germany's

now entering into the midst of the nations against which it waged war proves that the League is capable of directing political developments along new channels.

As he descended from the rostrum, the first German ever to deliver a speech as an accredited member of the League, he was given an ovation.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN FOUND DEAD IN STREET

The body of an unidentified man was found at Lorimer Street and Nassau Avenue, Brooklyn, early today by Patrolman O'Connell of Greenpoint station.

There was nothing to identify it. The man was about 32, weighed 180 pounds and was 5 feet 6 inches tall, had light hair and blue eyes. An autopsy will be made.

Barber Benny Bensanti's Slayer Said to Be Known

Police believe they know the man who killed Benny Bensanti, 41, in his home at 2455 Cumberland Ave., The Bronx, last night, and expect to arrest him today.

Bensanti was a Barbers' Union delegate, and had been receiving visitors in his home to talk about closing hours specified by the union. Some of his friends had turned against him because of his stand, and police believe the man who murdered him was one of these.

Four men came to see Bensanti last night. His wife brought them food. She said they appeared to

be in good humor. Later she heard shouting.

"I'll kill you," some one said.

There was a shot. The four men ran out, the wife hurried into the room. She found her husband dead with a bullet through his head.

Inspector Thompson of the Seventh Division said Bensanti had been arrested several times for sending threatening letters to prominent persons.

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